

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

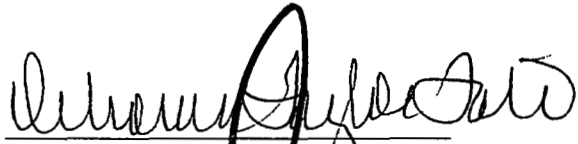
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE


IN RE:	November 9, 2005)	
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PETITION OF MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION)	DOCKET NO.
SERVICES, LLC FOR ARBITRATION OF CERTAIN TERMS)	05-00231
AND CONDITIONS OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH)	
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. CONCERNING)	
INTERCONNECTION AND RESALE)	


ORDER ACCEPTING ARBITRATION AND
APPOINTING PRE-ARBITRATION OFFICER

This matter came before Director Deborah Taylor Tate, Director Pat Miller and Director Sara Kyle of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on October 17, 2005, for consideration of the *Petition of MCI for Arbitration With BellSouth Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996* ("Petition") filed by MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC ("MCImetro") on August 15, 2005. On September 9, 2005, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. filed its *BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Response to MCI's Petition for Arbitration*. During the Authority Conference, the panel voted unanimously to accept the *Petition* and to appoint the Authority's General Counsel or his designee as the Pre-Arbitration Officer for the purpose of adopting issues and preparing the docket for hearing. The panel also ordered the parties to file an updated joint issues matrix by October 20, 2005.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Deborah Taylor Tate, Director


Pat Miller, Director


Sara Kyle, Director